

Dear Tribal members:

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. My name is Kurtis Barker and I respectfully ask for your support this coming election. I am running for Tribal Council to represent and bring a voice for all Tribal members. I am 26 years old and my family is Kentta and Washington.

My goal is to bring a different perspective to Tribal Council. I have worked for the Tribe for four-and-a-half years in the 477 Self-Sufficiency Program. I have experience directing programs, managing budgets and developing policy. I've been successful at seeking additional funds to assist programs, volunteer for different events and I'm dedicated to serving the Tribe and local community.

Bringing honesty, transparency and a different perspective to Tribal Council will serve us all better. The Tribe could improve services to Tribal members in many ways and some of those include: provide additional funding to the Elders Program (Work Experience, Elders Chores, etc.), more health services to out-of-area Tribal members, more comprehensive prevention programs for youth and adults, Housing Emergency Assistance and the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. The Tribe needs to provide more funding for programs that are working with Tribal members to assist them in becoming self-sufficient.

If elected, I will make it a priority to serve all Tribal members and ensure that everyone has a voice on Tribal Council. I will continue working for the Tribe and do my best to improve services that members depend on.

Thank you to everyone for all the continued support and encouraging comments, and I hope to serve you as a council member. If you have any questions or comments, you can e-mail me at kurtisbarker@hotmail.com and find my election page on Facebook.com.

Respectfully,  
Kurtis Barker  
Tribal Council Candidate

My dear fellow Tribal members:

It is nearing our election time again. It's hard to believe that my second term serving on our Tribal Council is at its end. I want to thank you all for the opportunity it has afforded me to grow as a person, learn and show my dedication to our many causes.

I am proud to have been involved in the growth in our land base and opportunities available to our Tribal people. The expansion of our land base is something I think we can all relate to as a Tribal asset that will not disappear over time and which will shore up our ability to provide services to ourselves without a tax burden resulting for the members receiving those benefits. The ability to manage our own lands and resources will increasingly become even more important for us to maintain our Tribe.

Our Tribe has come a long way, though it's sometimes difficult to remember those changes and recognize the advances we've made. We are now the authorities on our own history and not dependent on the poorly interpreted – and in many aspects wrong – version that was always fed us. Charles Wilkinson's book, I hope, will be widely read and ultimately accepted as that new interpretation we have sought for so long. With the proper management, that information can bring us much further along in addressing the brutality and theft our ancestors had to contend with and survive in order for us to stand here today.

We do have a long road ahead and I hope I have proven my sincerity and ability to represent you and all our people in a fair and impartial way. I've taken stands on some very difficult issues and have not shirked my duty to uphold the law and the principles that form our foundation. I very much hope that you will consider voting for me in the 2011 Siletz Tribal Council Elections.

Sincerely,  
Robert R. Kentta

To the editor:

### Boosters Appreciate Financial Support

I would like to convey a very sincere thank you to the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz.

With the downtrend in the economy over the last few years, it is more important than ever to have the support of organizations such as these. Over the last 20 months, the Siletz Booster organization has been working diligently to raise funds to build a new concession stand and field house at Bob Mathews field in Siletz. This new facility will replace the dilapidated, unsafe structure that has been in place for over 30 years.

This project is a very large undertaking. The two-story facility will host our new concession area downstairs as well as two much-needed ADA bathrooms. Upstairs will be our new crow's nest and media room for filming our games.

I would like to thank the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund for their financial support by awarding the Siletz Boosters a grant in the amount of \$8,258 for the bathrooms and sound system for this facility. Without their support, this could not have been possible.

A sincere thank you from the Siletz Valley Schools Boosters.  
Jim Crawford

To the editor:

On behalf of the Siletz Valley Schools Booster Association, I'd like to personally thank our coaches, Booster members and volunteers who made the 2010 football season a success. I don't believe any of this would be possible without all of those who work behind the scenes to make game night what it is.

Thank you, Apples Case, for your beautiful voice and singing our national anthem.

To our coaches, Vance Lindstrom, Reggie Butler, Willie Worman and David Morgan – Thank you for your dedication to the kids and love of the game. We know it takes many personal sacrifices to coach our kids. A simple thank you is never enough.

Our sound crew, Isaac and Sheila Deanda – Thank you for adding an extra touch of excitement. The music rocks.

Nick Sixkiller and Tony Blomstrom – You guys are unique and have changed the way we all hear Warrior football. You both have a larger-than-life personalities that certainly come through when you announce the games.

Our scorekeeper, Chris Crawford – Your attention to detail is impeccable and your sense of humor always tests our senses. You keep us on our toes.

Statistician/spotter, Isaac Deanda Jr. – You have a keen eye and are an invaluable resource to the announcers and coaching staff.

Our Color Guard – Tony Molina, Clint Muschamp and Heather Walker.

Our Boosters, who show up three hours before the game to set up the gate and get the field ready for game night.

We often compare the Booster bus to a McDonald's at dinner hour. On average, we serve upwards of 60 burgers, 60 dogs, nachos, popcorn, candy and over 150 refreshments to wash it all down during a game. These items are all made fresh, no easy task for the team of 15+ volunteers in this well-oiled machine.

Our events coordinator Bonnie Crawford and her team of Debbie Marthaller, Katie Lindstrom, Lea Eversol, Heather Butler, Rachel Morgan, Kathy Robinson, Cova St. Onge, Pat Whetstone, Amy Bayya, Johanna Lindstrom, Morgan Crawford, Lourdes Lozano, Tracy Woodruff and Jeremy Whitlow make it all look easy as the food flies out the window with minimal turn-around time.

A special thanks to Ray and Darlene Taylor, who keep our custom-built Siletz Warrior Booster bus ready to roll.

And we cannot forget our principal, Bob Line, an amazing individual. I don't know anyone who devotes as much time and energy to SVS than you and your wife, Judy. Your devotion to SVS and our sports programs is phenomenal. We couldn't do this without you. Thanks for being our biggest supporters.

To our diehard fans who brave the elements to watch Warrior football, we truly appreciate your continued support and hope to see you next year.

Thank you all so much.

Jim Crawford  
SVS Booster President 2010

To the editor:

My name is Dennis Van Dyke and I am writing a letter of gratitude about my completion of the pre-apprentice program of the concrete finishers program.

I would like to thank the people who took a chance on me knowing my history and it was a long shot. Elaine Thomas, my mother, for helping with my daughter and her mom so it was possible.

I have completed my program as of Dec. 3 and am entering the workforce as a concrete finisher. This is a dream that is now a career opportunity. Thanks to the International Local 633, I know what it's like doing what I love.

Thanks to Brenda Bremner, GM, and Jody LaComp Garrison, chief director. Both of you took a chance on a long shot.

Sincerely,  
Dennis Van Dyke

To the editor:

I am taking this time to say I am thankful for being a Tribal member and thankful for affordable housing, the fitness center, the community health clinic, the car seat program, the Education Department, the garden program and the Tribe's contribution toward the Siletz community improvements. A couple of the improvements in Siletz I am looking forward to seeing are the sidewalks and the cell tower. We are fortunate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Angela Martin

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